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**“PIKE” BRIGADE TO CONDUCT
LARGEST FAMILY PRE-MOBILIZATION
TRAINING IN NEBRASKA GUARD HISTORY**

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LINCOLN—More than 700 Soldiers of the 67th Battlefield Surveillance Brigade (BFSB) and 500 family members will participate in “Yellow Ribbon” pre-mobilization training at Omaha’s Qwest Center on February 20 and 21. Training is scheduled from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. on Saturday and from 8 a.m.-11:30 a.m. on Sunday.

Yellow Ribbon pre-mobilization training focuses on the challenges and stresses associated with separation and combat as well as how to prepare financially, emotionally, and logistically for a deployment. In addition to pre-mobilization training, the Yellow Ribbon program also provides a wide variety of resources to Soldiers and Airmen and their families during a deployment and after the military member’s return.

The 67th BFSB Headquarters and its subordinate 1167th Brigade Support Company, both Lincoln units, are scheduled to deploy in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom this summer. The 134th Cavalry Squadron, also a BFSB unit, has been notified of a possible Operation Enduring Freedom deployment, also this summer. The 134th headquarters is located in Lincoln, with subordinate units in Hastings, Fremont and Beatrice.

The 67th BFSB is known as the “Pike” Brigade because the brigade shoulder sleeve insignia prominently features a pike, a heavy spear with a long staff used by infantry units from the Middle Ages to the 18th century. The pike symbolizes the historical assault and defense traditions of the infantry. The BFSB is commanded by Col. Philip Stemple.